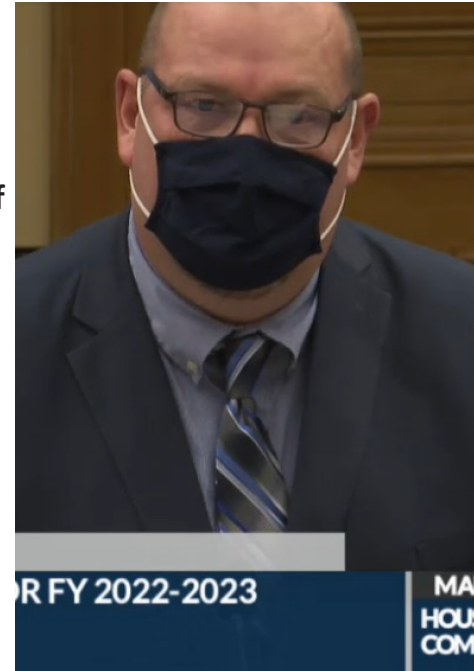


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**Budget Testimony:** The state budget process took another step forward this week as Pete Moore testified to the Ohio House Finance Committee, representing the coalition of OPRA, OACB, the Ohio Health Care Association and the Arc of Ohio. This week's testimony was similar to the previous given in the HHS subcommittee, advancing the same budget and rate growth priorities. Moving out of the pandemic, it continues to be a very competitive budget season, with many groups presenting their case for additional funding, and addressing workforce issues. That said, we have been encouraged by our meetings and interactions with our legislative partners and remain hopeful we will see our budget priorities amended into the budget bill. We want to once again thank everyone who submitted testimony this week to the Finance Committee. As the budget process steams ahead, we will continue to inform members about different advocacy opportunities and ways to contact your local rep in support of OPRA's budget priorities.



**American Rescue Plan:** Earlier this week, The US House of Representatives passed the American Rescue Plan, heading for President Biden's signature. The \$1.9T COVID relief and stimulus plan provides for individual stimulus checks, extended unemployment insurance, and an expansion of the Child Tax Credit. The bill also features many provisions of note for DD providers, importantly a 10% FMAP increase for HCBS waiver services. There are still many uncertainties about the bill's implementation, but [click here to read Christine's initial analysis of the bill and provisions that may be of most importance to members.](#)

**Broadband Ohio:** Earlier this week we met with DODD, who is partnering with InnovateOhio on expanding internet access to ensure people with disabilities and their providers have broadband connectivity throughout the state. This partnership looks to potentially use funding from Ohio HB2 to install equipment on land and to buildings throughout the state to expand coverage. [To learn more about Innovate Ohio and to see Ohio's Broadband Access map, click here.](#) If any of your offices, homes, or other facilities have little to no internet access and you are interested in working with DODD to install connective equipment and become a broadband beacon in your region, contact Scott at [smarks@opra.org](mailto:smarks@opra.org)

**DRO Visits:** The DRO visits regarding exit waivers and options counseling we have discussed on the call the past few weeks have been continuing. If an individual would like to be added to DODD's "do not contact list" regarding exit waivers/options counseling, they will need to email or call Ashley McKinney ([ashley.mckinney@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:ashley.mckinney@dodd.ohio.gov)) or our use the inbox, [CR-ICF@DODD.OHIO.GOV](mailto:CR-ICF@DODD.OHIO.GOV) and indicate they no longer want to be contacted about exit waivers/options counseling. DODD has shared the current list with DRO. Please reach out to Rachel or Pete with any questions.



# In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

**Memo Monday:** This week's roundup of DODD memos included a number of noteworthy items including DODD's opinion on mandatory vaccines, an extension of the reporting period for the Outcome Tracking system, additional eligibility guidance and application for the BWC Air Quality grants, Extended guidance on the rollout of the Provider Network Management Module (PNM) and ICF ODDP Scores. [Click here to read Memo Monday.](#)

**Policy Committee:** Thanks to everyone who attended the OPRA Policy Committee meeting on Wednesday. After providing state budget updates, we presented 9 different workforce priorities and conducted live polling on each focus area to help prioritize efforts in addressing the workforce crisis. [Click here to see the powerpoint presentation from Wednesday's policy committee meeting.](#) We are compiling all of the data from the Live Polling and will share with members next week.

**OS/OC-** We continue to work with system partners on the rollout of the On-Site/On-Call assessment tool. While the tool itself is straightforward and simple enough to use, we still have concerns around some of the definitions and team processes laid out so far. We are meeting with DODD again next week and hope to have these issues resolved so we can move forward to implementation.

**HAC Training:** Members may be interested in this attached training being put on by the Healthcare Advisory Committee. Click the flyer to the right for more information and to register. If you have any questions about the training, please contact Kathy Tallon at the Butler County Board of DD.

## HIPAA Spring Six Part Training Series - Session 1

March 17, 2021  
10:00-11:00AM

### Step 1 in Risk Assessment: Evaluate your Compliance Program

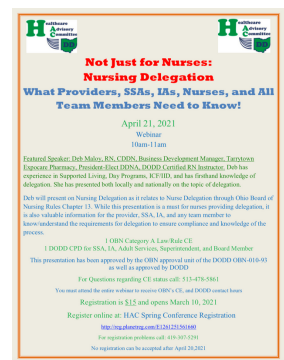
This program will cover a 2020 U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) report. You will receive a detailed roadmap for assessing if your compliance program meets Federal expectations. This course includes checkpoints the Feds expect you to cover when you're searching for the root causes of security weaknesses.

**\$50 MEMBERS**

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## Upcoming Events

[3/17: HIPAA Spring Six Part Training Series - Session 1](#)

[3/18: OPRA Day/Employment Service Committee](#)

[3/22: DODD DD Awareness Month Event](#)

## News and Resources

["Biden directs all states to make all adults eligible for COVID-19 vaccine by May 1"](#)

["How close is Ohio to lifting its health orders? COVID-19 case rate for Feb. 24 - March 9"](#)

["ADA Concerns Raised Over COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout"](#)

[OPRA COVID-19 Resources](#)



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The Department provides the following weekly MUI updates based on COVID-19 related unanticipated hospitalizations and/or deaths entered into the Incident Tracking System. This data is not all inclusive. It does not include information about people who were suspected of having COVID-19 but not hospitalized, those who tested positive but were not hospitalized, people living with their families who were hospitalized when there was no provider present at time of hospitalization and COVID tested. For additional information and guidance, please visit [DODD COVID-19 Resources](#).

This report was revised on August 21, 2020 so that each person is only counted one time. If a person was hospitalized and tested multiple times, there would only be one entry for that person, and it would be updated to reflect the most current information. As a result of removing any additional testing results for the same person, there was a slight decrease in the overall number of test results.

### As of March 12, 2021:

COVID-19 Testing Results for Reportable MUIs			
Negative	Pending	Positive	Total
801	23	999	1,823

- 999 people served have tested positive for COVID-19 and been hospitalized. This is an increase of 4 additional positives since the 3/5 report.
- 216 people served have passed away who have tested positive for COVID-19. There were 2 additional confirmed deaths since the 3/5 report.
- There were 1,741 people hospitalized and tested for COVID-19, which resulted in a MUI filing. This is an increase of 12 since the 3/5 report.
- A total of 1,823 COVID-19 reportable MUIs were filed as 82 individuals were never hospitalized but it was later determined their cause of death was COVID-19.

### COVID-19 Deaths:

- [The mortality rate of those passing from COVID-19 \(216\) and the total people served \(94,890\) is 0.227%.](#)
- The ages of those who passed away range from 4-95 years of age.
- The average age of the person who died was 61 years old.
- A total of 51 counties and 3 DCs have reported COVID-19 deaths.

County or DC with COVID Deaths	Count	County or DC with COVID Deaths	Count
Allen	4	Lucas	16
Ashtabula	3	Mahoning	2
Belmont	1	Marion	1
Butler	6	Miami	1
Carroll	1	Montgomery	10
CDC	1	Muskingum	1
Champaign	1	NODC	4
Clark	6	Ottawa	9
Clermont	3	Perry	3
Clinton	1	Pickaway	2
Coshocton	4	Preble	2
Cuyahoga	13	Richland	4
Darke	1	Ross	1
Delaware	2	Sandusky	6
Fairfield	2	Scioto	2
Franklin	19	Seneca	1
Gallia	3	Stark	14
Geauga	1	Summit	6
Greene	1	TDC	1
Hamilton	12	Trumbull	5
Hardin	1	Tuscarawas	3
Henry	1	Vinton	1
Holmes	1	Warren	6
Lake	6	Wayne	4
Lawrence	1	Williams	1
Licking	7	Wood	3
Lorain	3	Wyandot	2
Grand Total 216			

